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## Dress Code Raises Controversy

By REED MCCONNELL, I  
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Another school year begins. New classes, new lockers, new faces...and a new dress code. Many students were surprised to find an addition in the student handbook to the code that has been in place for as long as most of us can remember. The new addition to the code states that "students must be covered from the shoulders to four inches above the knees. For example, tank tops, short skirts, or short shorts are unacceptable. Visible underwear or spaghetti strap garments are also unacceptable." But since the beginning of the school year, there have been a lot of hot days and a proportional number of pairs of shorts and tank tops. Many students wearing such clothes have been reprimanded, and some have actually been sent home. Needless to say, many students are upset and are starting to complain. On Friday, students began a lively debate about the new code in Ms. Freeman's Art History class, and Ms. Freeman invited Ms. Mooney-Teta to come up to the class

and have the students voice their opinions to the headmaster.

One of the major points that came up was that for many girls, complying with the new dress code meant having to buy new clothes. Comfortable shorts that fall less than four inches above the knee are hard to find, and most girls don't own any. There are only a couple weeks in the year, at the very beginning and the very end, that are hot enough to require shorts, and it's unfair to force girls to buy new shorts that they do not really like and that they will only wear for these short amounts of time. Also, these rules do not necessarily encompass all possible permutations of inappropriate dressing—some low cut tops look completely inappropriate but



WHAT TO WEAR?

do not violate the dress code, while many sleeveless tops are quite modest. There are girls who have been sent home for wearing shorts that may violate the dress code, but are not provocative in the least. Similarly, leggings are not supposed to be

worn on their own, according to possible new provisions to the dress code, while tight skinny jeans and jeggings are allowed. These discrepancies are frustrating and reinforce the idea that the dress code is arbitrary.

Furthermore, if the point of the new dress code is to make students less distracted by provocative clothing and more comfortable, the administration is ignoring the fact that many students won't feel comfortable in clothes that fit the dress code. For instance, if the only pair of shorts that a girl can find that fit the dress code are ugly in her eyes, she will feel uncomfortable and embarrassed all day, which could definitely negatively impact her class work.

Many of the teachers haven't even been following the dress code. Students have reported seeing teachers wearing sleeveless tops and skirts that appear to fall more than four inches above their knees. If the students are subjected to these restrictions, why shouldn't the teachers be as well?

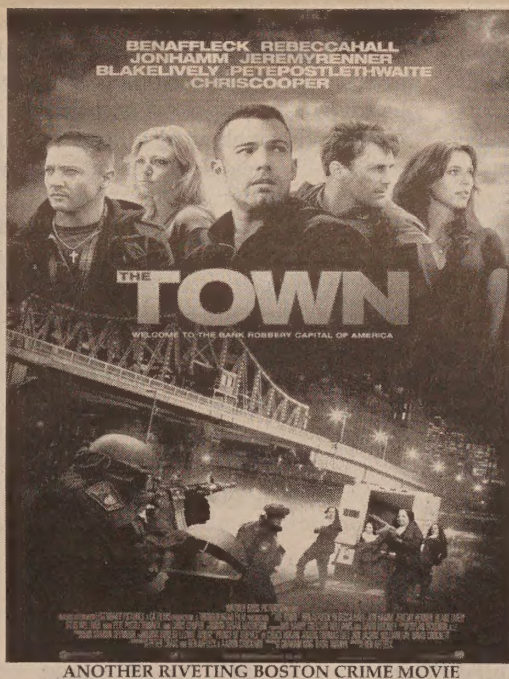
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## A Must-See for Townies

By RACHEL TRIPP, I  
A&E EDITOR

When you hear the name 'Ben Affleck,' what comes to mind is the pretty-boy actor who made it big playing Matt Damon's charming sidekick in the hit film *Good Will Hunting* back in the nineties. However, with the sharp and well-acted *Gone Baby Gone* of 2007, Affleck proved that he was a success both in front of and behind the camera. Now, three years later, Affleck is back with another surefire box-office hit: *The Town*. With its rapid-pace gunfire, pounding explosions and fast-paced car chases, and an attempted robbery of Fenway Park, *The Town* is something you certainly don't want to miss.

Featuring an enormous cast, more than a few hair-raising run ins with the police, and some R-rated Charlestown brawls, the plot is ambitious to say the least: perhaps overly so. As a viewer, I know I wasn't the only one who had trouble keeping the characters' interweaving relationships together, and I was left with more than a few questions that were never answered. With so many different plot lines crammed into one two hour



ANOTHER RIVETING BOSTON CRIME MOVIE

movie, *The Town* has a lot of loose ends to tie up, some of which remain untied at the movie's end.

*The Town* is a gripping and tense crime-drama about Charlestown, Bos-

ton. In *The Town*, Affleck portrays Charlestown as a place where people grow up in blue-collar families with violent fathers and strung-out teenage mothers. The film also makes it a point to advance the idea that children born in Charlestown hardly ever leave; almost all of the characters, while in their twenties and thirties, have never been out of the 'Town.'

In short, this movie is about a group of less-than-affluent Charlestown bank robbers, the women who love them, and the FBI agents who chase them down when an important job goes less than smoothly. Once explained, however, the plot becomes immensely more complicated. Affleck smoothly takes on the role of Doug, a Charlestown boy who has been sucked into the bank robbery business in order to take the place of his father (Chris Cooper) when he is landed in jail for committing multiple crimes. Along with his best friend and partner in crime Jim (Jeremy Renner), and their collection of shady groupies, Doug

struggles to retain even the slightest hint of moral rightness while simultaneously robbing banks throughout the Boston area. He expertly masters his portrayal of the conflicted criminal with a good heart, and the men in his crew convincingly portray the role of the heartless thugs. Doug's life takes a turn, however, when he accidentally falls for the rich and beautiful Claire (Rebecca Hall), the bank manager of their biggest job who they took hostage in a turn of desperation, but then set free during a moment of clarity.

Under the guise of 'following up' with the hostage, Doug finds ways to get close to Claire. As their relationship unfolds, Doug finds it harder and harder to keep her off his mind, and hide the fact that he is, in fact, one of the robbers who kidnapped her in weeks previous. Hall does an excellent job of convincingly portraying the traumatized kidnapping victim, and in turn, Affleck exemplifies a flawless kidnapper-turned-lover fighting his conscience and running from the FBI at the same time.

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## Global News Tidbits

>>>Where's Waldo? Apparently, he's in Portland, Oregon and is now in custody of the FBI. Ryan Homsley, who was nicknamed the "Where's Waldo" bandit due to his appearance, was arrested and charged with one count of bank robbery on a Key Bank branch. He was easily tracked down when he made a post on his Facebook page that said: "im doing this to pay for my medical expenses. ... live for today!" Homsley, who had been a hospital patient prior to his arrest, was said to have suffered from drug problems

and diabetes. (AP)

>>>After having a 4-inch blade stuck in his head for three years, a tire repairman is currently recovering from a surgery that finally had the blade removed. Edeilson Nascimento, a 29-year-old from Sao Paulo, Brazil, was involved in a bar fight in 2007 in which he was attacked by a knife. Afraid that pulling the blade out would cause brain damage, doctors decided to remove only the handle. After suffering years of painful headaches, Nascimento decided to take a chance on the surgery, which lasted for three hours. (AP)

>>>Foes of Mayor Rogelio Vizcarra in

Peru have dug up the skull of his deceased father, Juan Vizcarra Quispe, who died in 1978. The only way they will return the skull is if Vizcarra withdraws his bid for re-election of mayor, dropping him out of the race. Vizcarra received notification of the deal via text message, but states that he is still planning to run again for mayor. Police investigating the crime found Quispe's bones scattered around the cemetery, but the skull was missing. His political opponents are now the prime suspects, and police say that "offending the memory of the dead" is punishable by two years of prison. (AP)

>>>Bob Marley - the comedian, not the

singer - broke a Guinness World Record at Portland's Comedy Connection after he produced a standup act that lasted for 40 hours. The previous record, set in place by Lindsay Webb of Australia, had been 38 hours, 6 minutes. He was allowed to take a five-minute break every hour, but was required to have at least ten people in the audience. In order to raise money to be donated to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Maine, those watching Marley were charged \$10. The grand total summed up to more than \$12,000. Marley says that he reached the 18-hour mark before he had to repeat his jokes. (AP)



# ARGO Editors' Note

Hello, BLS students! Welcome to another year of school, and another year of the *Argo*! Rejoice! You are most likely reading this pamphlet (if you can call it that) at the extracurricular fair, where it is an exclusive release. We have decided to keep it short and

sweet (like a certain editor-in-chief we know...) to make it easy to get into the *Argo*. A regular newspaper consists of five sections: News, Forum, Arts & Entertainment, Sports, and Science & Technology. Special features of the *Argo* include the "versus," in which two

people square off on a difficult question, and "tidbits," which includes odd bits of news from around the world. In future issues, you'll see a new front page (!), a fun page of crossword puzzles and sudokus, and each section extended. But for now, go on and read! And hopefully,

you'll think of joining us. We'll be happy to accept you.

(special thanks to Mr. Flynn, faculty advisor and pizza provider)

--Reed McConnell and Andy Vo,  
Editors-in-Chief

## DRESS CODE

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Finally, the students had almost no say in this decision, even though it affects all of us. The student council didn't find out about the implementation of the dress code until a week before it was supposed to be implemented (at the end of last year). Therefore, there was no time to involve students and our voices were not heard, although the student council is supposed to be the vehicle of communication between the adminis-

tration and the student body.

Mrs. Mooney-Teta agreed with many of the points that the students brought up, particularly with the points about students having to buy new clothes, about girls' confidence being reduced, about the appropriateness of what some teachers wear and about the fact that the students were not involved in making this decision. She said that it's not too late to have a conversation between the students and the faculty and that there is still a possibility of changes being made to the new dress code.

## THE TOWN

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Overall, the actors are convincing and the setting—of course—is phenomenal. The plot is riveting, the car chases hair-raising, and the violence no less than would be expected from a crime movie set in Boston (think *The Departed*). While the characters could have been better developed and the subplots resolved more cleanly, *The Town* is definitely a must-see; no viewer could ever leave the theatre disappointed. If you live in Boston, seeing Ben Affleck charging

through the Fens or getting shot at on Huntington will make the movie even more enjoyable than it already is. For me, the scenes shot at Fenway were a little too familiar; walking through the same streets the next day, I half-expected squadrons of angry gunmen to pop out at me. However, this is only proof that *The Town* succeeded in making its scenes realistic and believable.

If you live in Charlestown, you have an obligation to see this movie, of course, but rest assured that you will not be disappointed.

# Mosque Controversy: a Summary

By B. KIM, II  
NEWS EDITOR

Often referred to as the "Ground Zero mosque", Park51 is a \$100 million planned Islamic community center in the state of New York. Contrary to common belief, the center will not only house a mosque but it also other things such as a swimming pool, basketball court, library, day-care facility, restaurant and cooking school. The center is located two blocks from the World Trade Center site and is not visible from New York's "Ground Zero".

The anticipation of this project has been stirring much controversy and debate from all corners of the globe. There are prominent opponents and supporters of the project among Muslim communities, families of 9/11 victims, and politicians—making the project a divisive campaign issue of the 2010 mid-term elections.

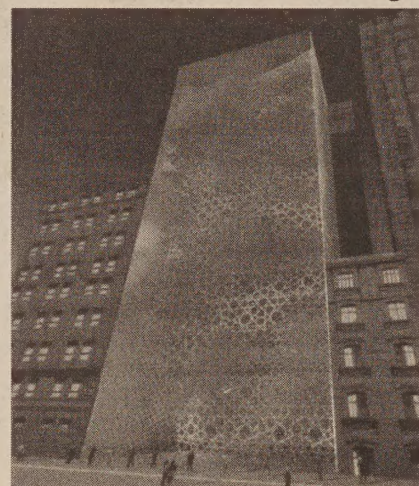
Addressing the issue at hand, President Barack Obama stated, "As a citizen, and as president, I believe that Muslims have the same right to practice their religion as anyone else in this country. That includes the right to build a place of worship and a community center on private property in lower Manhattan." His remarks have provoked a strong reaction: New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg, an advocate of the mosque called Obama's speech a

"clarion defense of the freedom of religion."

Others, however, challenged his statement. Former Vice Presidential Candidate Sarah Palin, for example, posted a list of questions on Facebook titled "Legitimate Questions for the President", in which she asked, "Mr. President, should they or should they not build a mosque steps away from where radical Islamists killed 3000 people? Please tell us your position. We all know that they have the right to do it, but should they?"

Due to rise of Islamophobia in the United States, Muslim-Americans have been reluctant to show their support for the Park51 project. With the proposal of this community center, a non-denominational church in Gainesville, Florida, announced their plan to host an "International Burn a Quran Day" on September 11, 2010. "We believe that Islam is of the devil, that it's causing billions of people to go to hell, it is a deceptive religion, it is a violent religion and that is proven many, many times," Pastor Terry Jones told CNN.

The so-called "Burn a Quran Day" ignited a chain of protests by hundreds of Afghans, who shouted "Death to America" while burning American flags. As the hatred spread exponentially among Muslims around the world, General David Petraeus, the top U.S. Commander in Afghanistan expressed his outrage to



AN ARTIST'S RENDITION OF PARK51

Pastor Jones's decision to burn the Quran. "It could endanger troops and it could endanger the overall effort here... It puts our soldiers in jeopardy," he told ABC News, "And I think, in fact, images from such activity could very well be used by extremists here and around the world."

On September 9, 2010, as a result of such international pressure, Pastor Terry Jones announced that his church will "not today, not ever" burn a Quran. He stated that their goal was "to expose that there is an element of Islam that is very dangerous and very radical" and that they have "definitely accomplished that mission."

With all the controversy and debate that Park51 has given rise to, many Americans are left wondering: can America reach a compromise without violence?

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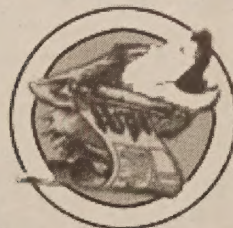
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## Should the Park51 Mosque Be Built?



### Pro

By NAOMI LEONARD, II & LUCY BURKE, II  
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When the plans for Park51 (also known as the Cordoba Center) were announced last December, they sparked no controversy. The proposed Islamic cultural center and mosque in Manhattan was supported by many religious leaders and even by some of the families of 9/11 victims. There is a large and growing Muslim population in New York City, and building a new mosque whose goal was to bring together New Yorkers of all faiths seemed like the logical and tolerant thing to do. Unfortunately, that tolerance did not last long. Fear can rally otherwise good people around intolerant and irrational ideas. Controversy over the mosque began when conservative bloggers heard about the plans. On her blog, Atlas Shrugs, Pamela Geller called the plans for Park51 "The Monster Mosque" and later stated that, "This is Islamic domination and expansionism. The location is no accident. Just as Al-Aqsa was built on top of the Temple in Jerusalem." The first newspaper article that passionately disagreed with the placement of the mosque was written on May 13, 2010. In the article, Andrea Peyser quoted Geller at length and said that she supported the protest that Geller was planning to lead. The article also said that the Cordoba Center would open ON 9/11, which was completely false.

The mosque hysteria spread fast. Of course Fox News and Sarah Palin expressed their problem with it loudly and proudly. Many people said that they thought that it was just being built too close to Ground Zero. People said that if it was built a few more blocks away, they would have no problem with it. Well, there is already a mosque "a few blocks away". One has been four blocks away for decades. We're sure people have been informed of this by now, but we would really like to restate it here: the mosque will not be at ground zero; it will be in a building that used to house a Burlington Coat Factory two blocks away. Although we do not agree with it, we can, to an extent, understand why some people had a problem with the mosque's placement. What we don't understand, however, is why there has been controversy over building mosques in Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Georgia, Wisconsin and California. Protests have been held in each of those states over plans to open new mosques. We're sorry, but Ground Zero is pretty far away from Tennessee. Prejudice against Muslims is a very real thing in America. The protests all over the nation thus reveal the one in New York for what it truly is: prejudice, plain and simple. When did it become acceptable to disrespect other peoples' religions? Freedom of religion extends to everyone, and the fact that such a furor has risen up over this is disturbing.

There is no way to say that someone cannot build a religious center in an unused building and still be considered tolerant. Besides, the plans are for a community center, not just a place of worship. The community center would include a theater, fitness center, bookstore, culinary school, art studio and prayer space and would be open to everyone. They are legitimately trying to create opportunities for the whole community, no exceptions. How could people have a problem with that? There is no real excuse not to allow the Cordoba Center to be made. Any reason people can come up with ultimately stems from prejudice and fear. Those against the mosque may think that ALL Muslims are anti-America. What they don't realize is that not allowing this mosque to be built would actually be un-American.

### Con

By PHIL ALLISON, I  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It is Tuesday, September the 11th. The year is 2001. Two planes fly into the World Trade Center's North and South Towers. A third flies into the Pentagon. Yet another crashes into a field in rural Pennsylvania. In the following years, trains blow up in Spain, buses in London. Crowded marketplaces halfway around the world are attacked by suicide bombers, with devastating results.

What do all of these crimes against humanity, these acts of terrorism, have in common? Radical Islam, my friends.

The world, and especially New York, is still nursing an open wound from the attacks mentioned above. The Imam of the proposed Mosque at Park51, Feisal Abdul Rauf, claims to be a healer, a "bridge builder" closing the gap between Islam and New York. If this were true, wouldn't he at least admit that the events of September 11th were terrorist attacks, that thousands of civilians from around the world were killed for no apparent reason? Answer: No. Instead, Rauf said the following just days after 9/11: "The United States' policies were an accessory to the crime that happened."

You would think that if Rauf truly were a bridge builder, he would recognize that many Americans are deeply against the idea of this Mosque, and change the proposed location. In fact, the government of New York tried to help him do so, and keep both sides equally (un)happy. But, according to ABC News, Rauf said that if he moved the Mosque, "Radical Islam would get upset." The implication, of course, is that we all know what happens when Radical Islam gets upset. We wouldn't want an embassy to be attacked, would we? Oh, wait, the American Embassies in Yemen, Pakistan, Damascus, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Beirut, Kuwait, and Lebanon—just to name a few—have all been attacked. Common denominator? Radical Islam.

And if you are planning on arguing about Freedom of Religion, I support it fully. I do not, however, support using Freedom of Religion as an excuse for a project that will bring about the indoctrination of thousands of young Americans into Rauf's way of thinking. I also do not support the funding of this project by a man named Hisham Elzanaty, who, according to FOX News, has made significant donations to the Holy Land Fund (a group that is, according to the US Government, a terrorist organization). So is Rauf a radical? I argue yes, because any man with strong economic ties to organizations such as Hamas should be considered a radical, and in 1997, Rauf founded an Islamic group with a man named Faiz Khan, who has long been known to give money to Hamas.

We as a people cannot ignore Radical Islam any more. It poses a threat to all of us. So where's the outrage? Where is the silent majority of Muslims that actually comprises regular, peaceful, law-abiding people? More importantly, why are they silent?

Let me be clear: if this was any of the other roughly 700 Mosques that have opened in this country in the last 10 years, or was run by any other Imam, I wouldn't have a problem with it, but when a Radical Imam with ties to terrorist organizations and such a shady group of friends tries to open a Mosque just hundreds of feet from that hole in the ground that we, the citizens of the United States, are apparently partially responsible for—well, my friends, that just won't fly.

But please, dear reader, don't trust me, or believe any of these facts just because I wrote them down; go find them for yourself and form your own opinions, because that's what this is really all about.

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## Rapid 'Cell' Growth

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A recent international study by Tel Aviv University has come up with surprising results: those who talked on their cellular phones for more than half an hour each day for at least ten years had an increased risk of cancer. Strangely enough, moderate cell phone users actually have a decreased risk of cancer when compared to people who use landlines. Cell phone use has skyrocketed within the last decade. In fact, according to a study done in 2009, over 90 percent of Americans have owned and used a cell phone. Along with this astounding growth rate, rumors that cell phone use causes cancer have been circulating. Now the question is: does one's precious cell phone really cause cancer? Habitual cell phone users, especially teenagers, may find it helpful to address concerns about carrying a potentially carcinogenic block of plastic on them all day long.

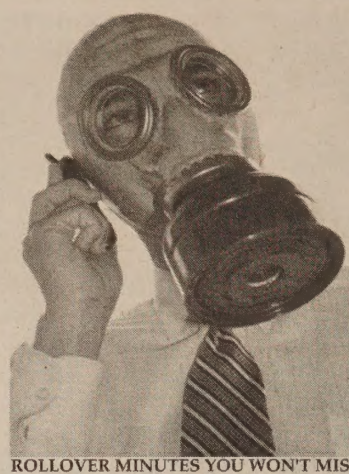
All mobile phones (and many other devices, for that matter) emit RF energy,

or radiofrequency radiation. There are two types of radio waves: the ionizing kind and the non-ionizing kind. Ionizing radiation (thankfully not found in your phone), such as X-ray, has potential to turn you into a nicely-tanned pulp, if you stand under it for too long. Non-ionizing radiation, however, can beam text messages, microwave your food and transmit the latest J-Bieb song over the radio. Essentially, it can, at best, heat things around it. Cellular phones simply do not emit enough of this radiation to have any discernable effect on the human body. Furthermore, scientists have discovered no link between non-ionizing radiation and cancer. The 2010 study of 21,770 participants done by Siegal Sadetzki of Tel Aviv University suggests no hard, conclusive evidence that cell phone use can cause cancer. Sadetzki and his team, however, did discover a weak correlation between heavy cellular phone usage (more than 30 minutes per day for ten years) and brain tumors.

Therefore, cell phone users should probably not be worried. In the study, Sadetzki's team assumed that the cell

phone was glued to your ear for half an hour a day, every day for ten years. The distance between your phone and your brain is a very important factor when considering radiation absorption; RF energy absorbed by any object is reduced by several degrees of magnitude when that object is moved merely a few inches away from the phone.

In other words, keeping your phone just a few inches from your head will dramatically reduce radiation absorption. Sending SMS messages with your phone at "texting level," which is a few feet away from your head, will also minimize any chance of danger (except, of course, while driving). With the increasing popularity of texting, the typical user is not subject to the same risk factors. In fact, the average American



ROLLOVER MINUTES YOU WON'T MISS.

spends approximately three minutes talking on the phone each day. Students and younger people in particular are further removed from this risk, since texting is most prevalent within this demographic.

Nevertheless, there is probably some reason for caution. Cell phones did not come into widespread use until the mid-1990s. It is very difficult to immediately discern links between a particular product and its risks for cancer, as signs of cancer may only show up years or decades after its cause. So, for now, it is best to stay alert, practice safe cell phone use and try to keep them at a reasonable distance from your head for a reasonable amount of time each day. Those of us who are extremely paranoid, however, may consider ditching the phone altogether. There are few who would want to live with that.

By KYLE FLATTERY, I  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The crowd goes silent as the referee blows the final whistle. They are shocked. How could Boston Latin School defeat their beloved squad by two goals?

The Varsity soccer team has made tremendous progress over the past few years, and the rest of the Dual County League has noticed. Our team is now a contender for a playoff spot, even with a misleading 1-4 record to start. Furthermore, there are many more games yet to come in the future, and those which have resulted in defeat were decided by unlucky goals in the final minutes. Acton-Boxboro High School showed up at Millennium Park in West Roxbury expecting to demolish BLS, but they were sorely disappointed. The Wolfpack played tremendously well, scoring goal after goal to stay even with the Colonials until AB scored in the last minute on a lucky header. The BLS players were furious at the loss and channeled their anger into the game against Bedford High School, where they tore apart the Buccaneers in a 3-1 vic-

tory. Christian Hernandez (III) scored a scorcher early on from 20 yards out. The goals continued with Cameron Labeck (I), scoring on a classy penalty kick, and

Tomas Leyton-Nolan (II).

When asked if the time put into the team was worth it, one of the hardest working players on the team, Andres Simpson (I), responded, "Absolutely. I know I need to play my heart out when I get the chance because I love soccer, and I love being a part of the team... And I believe the team should realize that if we put in the effort, buckle down and get the work done, we'll be successful." Their effort is



TEAM UNITY IS FIRST PRIORITY

Nacho Farias (I) on a powerful header into the back of the net. The team would not have been able to pull ahead of Bedford had it not been for some incredible saves from goalkeeper Isaac Buck (II) and skillful midfield players Ryan Connolly (I) and

truly commendable when one considers that the boys' soccer teams, both Varsity and JV, do not get home on certain school nights until 8 o'clock. This shows that discipline is a huge factor in being a part of the team. Players who will recognize

this are the rising stars: Nathan Jewitt-Wolf (V), Alex Cassesso (IV), and Vaan Ravishankar (III).

Our soccer players have played exceptionally all season long, and this progress can be attributed to the team's new coaches, Coach Miller, Coach Soorena and Coach David. All of them have spent long hours during the week to make our soccer team better, and the results have proven beneficial.

If you want to support the soccer team, check the schedule online for any home games. One of the biggest games of the year will be the rivalry match against Catholic Memorial High School, which in past years has proven to be full of goals, amazing saves and non-stop action. It will be held on October 8 at Clemente field at 4pm. Come watch the team, and you will see that we are a force to be reckoned with.

Kyle Flattery is a senior captain, starter and multiple-year varsity athlete in both soccer and tennis.

Boys' soccer has upcoming home games at Millennium Park in West Roxbury: 10/1 at 4, 10/7 at 4, and 10/8 at 4.

## A New Generation

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It is a new generation of Wolfpack football. Number-wise we are smaller than we have been in a while, but we have more strength, heart and dedication than usual. There are many starters returning from last year. The team also has great new youngsters who are contributing in a big way. This makes a great mix of veteran experience and rookie talent.

Defense is our strong point this year. In the past we have been known to let up an abundance of points, but not this year. An experienced secondary led by James Bender (II), starting at safety, shuts down opposing wide receivers. Tyler Hallinan (II), Connor Carrigan (I) and Jhalen (III) are all shutdown cornerbacks. No opponent completes a pass unless they happen to have some luck on their side. Gabe "Goggles" Calmon (I) and I hold down the middle. We punish any running back who dares to run down the gut. When they try the sweep to the outside they are met by

the one and only Kenneth Terry (I). There is no offensive line that can stop the power of Brendan Casey (I), Seth Occesus (II) and Mike Scannell (I). If needed, we can also throw in Ezana Girma (I), Pat McDonald (I), Dylan Chung (I) and Sam Cole (I) and still manage to get the job done right.

The offense is not too shabby itself. Led by quarterback Miles Wright (III), we have scary ground and air attacks. When Miles drops back to pass, nobody knows if he will air it out 40 yards downfield or take off running like Michael Vick. He definitely wins the Dual County League award for quarterback with the most swag. His fellow sophomore, Jhalen, is another big offensive weapon who would also be in the running for the DCL swag awards. Jhalen, Tyler and Connor are all small running backs who will run right past any defense. They can and will beat any defense in the DCL with their extraordinary speed and quickness. The



TYLER HALLINAN BARRELS FOR THE END ZONE

offensive line, composed of Goggles, Mike McKie (II), Casey, Scannell and I, is a force to be reckoned with. We take pride in making huge holes for our running backs. There is nothing better than

a pancake on the O-Line.

So far the Wolfpack has had a satisfactory win against Stoneham, regrettably coupled with two tough losses against North Quincy and Tyngsboro, each by only a single touchdown. We need to learn how to play consistently and finish; then, we will be just fine. We will be able to compete with every team on our schedule.

We would like to thank the fans who have come out so far to support us. We encourage everyone to come, and who knows, if you come, you may witness a 40 yard game-winning field goal by Dylan.

Editor's Note:

Gabe Diop is a senior captain, starter and multiple-year varsity athlete in not only football but as one of the DCL's dominant goalies in hockey.

Boys' football has upcoming home games at White Stadium in Jamaica Plain: 10/1 at 6:30, 10/8 at 6:30, and 10/22 at 6:30. Come see the team as well as the always fantastic Step Squad and the Wolfpack Cheerleaders.